

SECRETARY FALL, TURNED DOWN, WILL LEAVE HARDING CABINET

FIGHT OVER FORESTRY CONTROL

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placed in his department and that the change of view left him deserted. The outward reason to be assigned for his contemplated resignation is the necessity of looking after his private business.

Secretary Fall is understood to feel so deeply chagrined about the whole matter that he would resign at once if it were not for the fact that the Senate is undertaking to probe the recent lease of the Teapot Dome and Salt Creek oil fields in Wyoming to the Sinclair interests. An immediate resignation, his friends believe, would give the impression he is retiring under fire.

Too Many Candidates.

The successor to Secretary Fall is already giving the Administration advisers considerable trouble. The recent election left so many "lame ducks" on the hands of the President that his decisions are embarrassed. He would like to name his personal friend, Harry New, it is reported, but Senator New is credited with taking the same view relative to conservation and Alaska held by Mr. Fall. Still other possibilities are Carmel Thompson, friend of the President, and recently defeated for Governor of Ohio, and Frank B. Kellogg, of Minneapolis, who was swept out of office by the Western farm revolt against the Administration.

'FATTY' QUOTES BIBLE TO CRITICS

"As Ye Judge, So Shall Ye Be Judged," Arbuckle Says in Plea for Fair Play.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Roscoe C. "Fatty" Arbuckle, motion picture actor, quoted the Scriptures—"As ye judge, so shall ye be judged"—in his first official statement on the controversy which followed the Christmas "narration" granted him by Will H. Hays. At the same time, Joseph M. Schenck, producer, who will re-employ the comedian, announced he was seeking a scenario suitable for Arbuckle and that work on a picture would be begun as soon as it was found.

"All I ask," said "Fatty," "is the rights of an American citizen. American fair play. Through misfortune and tragic accident, I was tried on a charge of which I was absolutely innocent. A jury composed of eight men and four women, all of whom were of high character and excellent civic standing, and all of whom were members of churches of various faiths, found me innocent. Not only that, but the same jury sent a message to the American people in this language:

Recalls Jury's Words.

"'Accutal is not enough for Roscoe Arbuckle. We feel that a great injustice has been done him. We also feel that it was only our plain duty to give him this exonerating under the evidence, for there was not the slightest proof adduced to connect him in any way with the commission of a crime.'

"Unlike the jury, those denouncing me heard no part of the evidence and are without knowledge of the facts. The Scripture says that 'as ye judge, so shall ye be judged.' How would my accusers like to be judged as they are judging me?

"The institutions of my country, the courts and juries and the law of the land, have declared me innocent and I am entitled to the benefit and protection of the law. Those who are unjustly, untruthfully, maliciously and venomously attacking me are refusing to abide by the established law of the land. I am not only wholly innocent, but more than that."

Cites Savior and Thief.

"But even supposing that I had not been able to establish my innocence, but that I were conscientiously endeavoring, through an orderly life, to atone for mistakes, would I not be entitled to an appeal for forgiveness according to the Scriptures, the letter of which so many in the pulpit seem to observe and the spirit of which some in the pulpit seem to ignore? It is not difficult to visualize at this time of year, which commemorates the birth of Christ, what might have happened if some of those who heartlessly denounce me had been present when the Savior forgave the penitent thief on the cross in words that have influenced the human race more than any other words ever uttered. Would not some of these persons have denounced Christ and stoned Him for what He said?

"No one ever saw a picture of mine that was not clean and wholesome. No one ever will see such a picture. I claim the right of work and service."

"The sentiment of every church on Christmas Day will be 'peace on earth and good will to all mankind.' What will be the attitude the day after Christmas to me."

"ROSCOE C. ARBUCKLE."

BASKETS FULL OF XMAS GOODIES

Central Union Mission, mindful of the needs of poor children, collected loads of presents, including warm clothing, toys and nice things to eat, for distribution today into homes of the Capital. Good cheer and the spirit of Christmas goes with each article sent out by the mission. Many Washingtonians contributed to funds to make these gifts possible.



U.S. AGENTS ARE PUSHING KLAN INQUIRY

Mer Rouge Calmer as State Prepares Hearing—More Arrests Expected.

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group was seen going to another group yard with the body of an old negro who for years had lived and worked with Daniels. Many declare he had "tended Marrow Watt" since boyhood.

The widow and two small children of Thomas Richards were there, but the climax to the tragedy was more than Mrs. Richards could bear. Friends carried her from the grave of her husband as she gave way to her feelings.

Klan a Criminal Band, Foes to Law and Order, Untermyer Declares

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 25.—Speaking at a dinner launching a drive for the Palestine Foundation Fund at the Hotel Garde here, Samuel Untermyer called the Ku Klux Klan a "strange and medieval euphuism" on the civic life of America and charged it with "recklessly undertaking to destroy the foundations upon which America is based."

"There is, as yet, no full and authentic account of the machinations of this body to perpetrate its conspiracy against American liberty and American institutions," he said. "I hope the time has come when it will be subjected to a complete and thorough exposure that will reveal its masquerading purpose and reveal its true visage to all fair-minded Americans."

"It is a clandestine organization, which, contrary to every American tradition of fair play, works in the dark, passes judgments on individuals or whole groups in secret conclave and seeks to intimidate the weak or fearful by a reign of terror."

"Its chivalrous 'knights' go about by night masked, cloaked, hooded and muffled, concealing their identity and biding their misdeeds under these disguises."

"Clamorously professing to be advocates of 'law and order' they defy all law, presume to take the law into their own hands, descending even to the use of tar and feathers and the basest and most horrible practices of lynching mobs. They are the most dangerous criminals with whom the forces of law and order will have to deal, for they infect and incite entire communities to defy and transgress our laws."

OFFERS XMAS SMOKE, GETS A RAZOR SLASH

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Offering a cigar with Christmas greetings to a barber in a shop where he had just got "fixed up" for the holiday, Max Birnbaum, a plumber, got in return a deep gash in his left cheek from a razor wielded, he alleged, by Frank Butera. Butera was arrested.

Birnbaum told the police he passed cigars to all hands in the shop. Butera, he alleged, refused the treat, declaring he used cigarettes only. Words followed and Butera is alleged to have cut the plumber.

BOY HUNTER KILLED BY DYNAMITE HE FINDS

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 25.—While on a trip to set muskrat traps in the Welsh mountains today W. Lincoln Myers, thirteen years old, of Centerville, was killed when he asked a playmate found dynamite in a stone quarry.

The boy was handling the dynamite when the explosion occurred.

DIES IN VIOLET RAY SHORT CIRCUIT

Treatment for Neuritis Proves Fatal to Man While Fiancee Waits.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—George Menaker, forty-two years old, was electrocuted when a short circuit took place in the violet-ray machine with which he was administering a treatment to himself late yesterday afternoon. Across the street, his fiancée, Miss Bertha Bodnick, was waiting for him to go out to dinner.

Menaker, who for some time had suffered from neuritis, had been taking violet-ray treatment at his boarding house. In the early part of the afternoon he and Miss Bodnick planned to celebrate Christmas with Miss Bodnick's sister, Mrs. E. V. Sownetz, and her four-year-old niece, Marling.

After hiding the presents for Miss Bodnick's niece and promising his fiancée a great surprise for Christmas, he hurried home to dress for dinner with her and her sister at the home of some friends.

He then attached the violet-ray machine in the bathroom and began to apply the treatment. Suddenly, Mrs. Yetta Pettler, the landlady, and her family were startled by shrieks from the bathroom.

Running upstairs they found the door locked on the inside. They hurriedly called District Detective Burns and Patrolmen Passner and Sands, of the Twenty-sixth and York streets station, who were passing the house.

The policemen forced open the door and found Menaker's body hanging over the edge of the bathtub and the wires of the ray machine clashed around his body emitting flashes.

Burns turned off the current and after extricating the man summoned a nearby physician, who pronounced him dead.

Miss Bodnick and Mrs. Sownetz, becoming impatient at Menaker's delay, were about to leave without him and were sending a note to that effect by Marling when Mrs. Pettler ran across the street and told them to hurry to her house, as Menaker was dead.

Miss Bodnick fainted and required the attentions of a physician, her Christmas ruined and her marriage frustrated.

FEDERAL JUDGE DIES DECKING A TREE

Heart Disease Takes Life of Thomas I. Chatfield in Midst of Family.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Stricken with heart disease as he trimmed a Christmas tree in the library of his home, Thomas Ives Chatfield, judge of the United States court of the Eastern district, died ten minutes after his wife and children assisted him to his bed.

Mrs. Chatfield and the children—Thomas D., fourteen, and Helen A., nineteen—watched as the judge decked the tree, turning now and then to accept a compliment or suggestion. All were laughing and Judge Chatfield was reaching for a topmost branch when he paled and clutched his breast.

He had a pain, he said, dropping several ornaments. Mrs. Chatfield and the children assisted him to his room and bed. Dr. Paul E. Wesenberg reached the room just as Judge Chatfield died.

Judge Chatfield was born at Oswego, N. Y., October 4, 1871. He was graduated from Yale in 1893. That year he was a member of the varsity crew that defeated Harvard. He entered Columbia law school, being graduated in 1896, and went to Oswego to practice. In 1899 Miss Laura Ayer of that city was married to him.

A year later he returned to New York city and was appointed assistant United States attorney, serving three years. His work was noted by President Roosevelt, and in 1906 he was appointed judge of the United States district court in the eastern district, which is in this city.

Prices realized on Swift & Company sales of carcasses beef in Washington, D. C., for week ending Saturday, December 23, on shipments sold out, ranged from 5.50 cents to 56.00 cents per pound and averaged 12.44 cents per pound.—Adv.

GOOD FELLOWS GIVE CHEER TO 2,000

Pour Thousands of Gifts Into Homes of Needy in Washington.

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chilled by misfortune and many of whom are in absolute misery, have tasted the Christmas cheer granted them by the more fortunate neighbors through the agency of the Good Fellows.

In practically every instance Christmas dinners have been provided. In many cases food sufficient for several weeks has been given. In every case where there are children Santa Claus has made his visit, no matter how humble the home, through a Good Fellow. In many homes fuel has been provided to keep the house warm during the remainder of the winter. Clothing has been given to those most in need. Hundreds of pairs of shoes and stockings have been left for needy children, and for their parents as well. Rent has been paid and mortgage payments met in a number of cases where loss of the home was threatened. Work has been found for the jobless.

Find Joy in Sacrifice.

All in all, Washington is a far better city today than it was a week ago. Into the homes of the unhappy happiness and renewal have been brought. Many more fortunately situated in life, have found the joy and peace of mind which comes through sacrifices made to help others.

The spirit of kindness and brotherly love displayed by the hundreds of Good Fellows in every walk of life and in every part of the city, must exert a powerful influence for good, not only upon those who are directly benefited, but upon those who behold their example.

In addition to the carrying of Christmas gifts to the homes of the needy many of the Good Fellows are giving Christmas parties for the needy children.

One of the largest of these parties is being held all afternoon at the Washington Navy Yard, where fifty needy children from the southeast section of the city are being entertained by the Seamen Gunners Athletic Association. These children, gathered up during the morning by automobile, were taken to the yard, where one of the biggest dinners they ever saw has been in front of them to eat and to enjoy. While they were doing just this the finishing touches were being put on a big Christmas tree in a nearby hall.

Dinner over, an all-afternoon party will be held under the tree, with gifts and candy galore. This evening the children will be taken home in the Navy Yard automobiles, to live again in memory what is probably the happiest of their lives.

Other Good Fellows are holding Christmas parties in their own homes for the needy children and their parents. Many have provided Christmas trees for the homes of children to which they were assigned.

Brings Back Husband.

Evidence of practical results for good, following the Good Fellow campaign to relieve Washington's poor were uncovered by volunteer workers.

What is said to be the most unusual case so far discovered was reported when a worker called at an address which was sent in with a request for aid. An American Legion official, co-operating in the relief work, comparatively recently looking hovel to investigate a report that the mother had been deserted by her husband and had two children sick with pneumonia.

He was met at the door by a tall, bronzed man, comparatively well dressed. "I know what you have come for, buddy," the man said. "I heard that my wife and the kids were in bad and had asked the Good Fellows to help. I had gone off and left 'em, so I came back to do my part by 'em."

Had Load of Coal.

With that the man opened the door and invited the visitor in. Although poorly furnished, the house was clean and there was sufficient food in the larder. The man then took the visitor to the coal shed and showed him the coal which he had bought since going back to his family.

The legion official, who asked his name be withheld, gripped the man's hand and left.

Another case reported showed that a widow and six children were huddled in two rooms. There was no coal in the house, and not even a stove in which coal could have been used if it was on hand. The children ranged from six months to thirteen years in age. For the past five days they have had no fire. It was learned.

Brings Stove and Fuel.

The Good Fellow worker immediately ordered a stove and a load of coal, and left sufficient money to buy food for the Christmas holidays. Later he returned to find that the mother and her thirteen-year-old daughter had carried the coal into the house in buckets. It was necessary to bring the coal up a high flight of stairs.

Other cases of equal need were found, and in each instance material aid was given. The workers will have to go through the most acute cases after the holidays.

THREE INJURED AS TWO CARS COLLIDE

Alexandria Man Has Broken Jaw—Woman Suffers Fracture of Arm.

Three persons, injured yesterday afternoon when two automobiles collided on the Alexandria Road near Alexandria, were rushed to Emergency Hospital.

John Davis, twenty-five years old, of 233 Commerce street Alexandria, is suffering from lacerations about the body and a broken jaw. Davis was in car with several other people on the way to Washington.

In the other car, going to Alexandria, were Mrs. Edna Mezaconapo, thirty years old, of 1307 Third street northwest, Solon Montgometry, twenty-five years old, of 2418 Pennsylvania avenue and several other women. Mrs. Mezaconapo suffered a broken arm and lacerations about the body. Montgometry, who was driving, suffered a fracture of the arm and possible fracture of a rib. Mrs. Mezaconapo is in Emergency.

Several other persons in both cars escaped unhurt. Montgomery's car was badly damaged.

AGED MAN, IN POOR HEALTH, KILLS SELF

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Henry S. La Vaud, seventy-seven, a life-long resident of Staten Island, died in the Staten Island Hospital Saturday night from a self-inflicted bullet wound, according to the police yesterday.

He had been in ill health.

GIRL OF CAPITAL FINDS GEMS IN WILDS

Miss Lucille Le Varre, G. W. U. Student, Tells of Trip Into South American Bush.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Miss Lucille Le Varre, eighteen, of Washington, D. C., went 300 miles into the British Guiana "bush" to get a diamond—and got it. But when she came out and looked back over the trip from the luxury of the Biltmore yesterday, it was not of the diamond that she talked, but of her pet boa constrictor, of the baby baboon that died, of the wonder of moonlight on South American rivers, and of the friendly black people, many of whom never had seen a white woman before.

Miss La Varre and her brother, W. J. La Varre, Jr., arrived on the steamer Vandyck from South America Saturday. Mr. La Varre makes yearly trips to British Guiana, where in addition to his trading business he collects many specimens for the American Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian Institution and Harvard University.

This time his sister, a student in George Washington University, wanted to go along.

Faced Real Dangers.

"I didn't dare tell the folks I was going to take her into the bush," grumbled La Varre guiltily. "They thought she was only going as far as Georgetown. A good many men have been afraid to take the trip she did. She really faced danger."

At Georgetown, where she was away on a short trip, Miss La Varre was hostess to the crew of the airtrip Sampaio Correia II, which stopped there several days on its flight from New York to Brazil.

"There was the greatest excitement," she said. "We got a wire that they were ten miles out of town and needed gasoline. It was sent, and next morning they came in. Everybody went down to meet them, and we had an official reception and dinners and parties every day they were there."

"Everybody was jealous because they stayed at our house. Everybody in town would have liked to have them, but we happened to have more room. My brother wanted to take them on a visit to the diamond fields, but they didn't have time."

Mr. and Mrs. La Varre left the coast of British Guiana October 3 and went up the Mazaruni river in a motor launch. Fifty blacks and Indians in two large canoes carried supplies. With the party was Dr. Herbert Lang, of the American Museum of Natural History, and later they were joined by George Cherry, who was with President Roosevelt on his African trip.

She Just Loved It.

"I loved the whole thing," she said yesterday. "I was frightened a little at first, but it was worth it. On the third day up the river we got caught in a whirlpool and I didn't think we were going to get out. That was one of the times I was frightened."

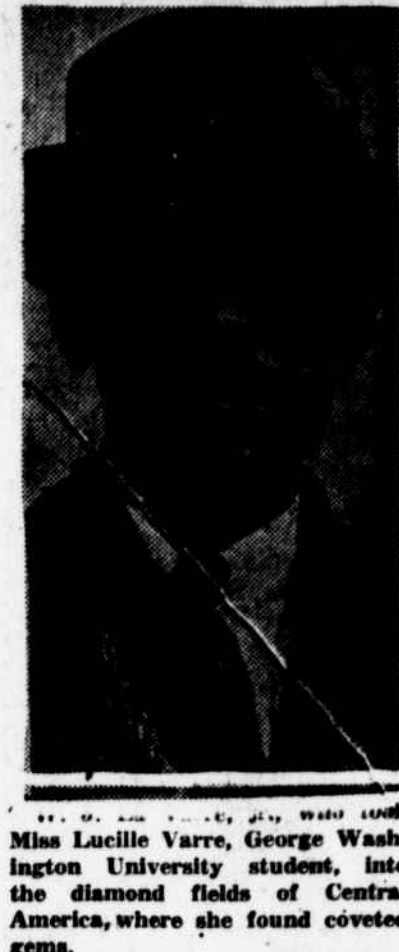
"I carried a pistol, because I don't know how to use a gun. With the pistol I shot a snake, a sloth, a number of birds, several big iguanas, and a couple of monkeys. I was awfully sorry the monkeys were shot, but they would kill human beings. I hate to kill things."

"One of the Indians killed a mother baboon and they brought the baby to me with several to take care of it, but I didn't know what monkeys eat. I gave it milk and crackers and bananas, but one morning I went out and found the little thing dead."

"Another Indian brought a baby boa constrictor. I kept that in a box. It was only about two and a half inches in diameter, but it ate a whole lizard every day."

The Indians are not wild, Miss La Varre declared, though they are thoroughly primitive.

Guards Sister Who Invades Wilds of Guiana



Miss Lucille Varre, George Washington University student, into the diamond fields of Central America, where she found coveted gems.

KISS PLAINTIFF APPEALS TO HARDING

Wants 'Department of Justice' Agents to File Charges or Let Her Alone.

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for trial that I have been warned will never be allowed to get to trial, and whereas now I am continually harassed and molested while walking in public places and highways or while staying in my place of residence, I hereby appeal for a permit to carry firearms to be used only in self-defense, until completion of the trials referred to, as my well-being and safety are endangered. To which I am ready to testify and offer evidence and witnesses."

Alma C. Smythe, attorney for Alma C. Smythe.

"We the undersigned are willing to testify on behalf of the foregoing appeal as we have together and separately upon numerous occasions witnessed said molestation and harassment of Alma C. Smythe, that is thoroughly convincing on the point of her safety being threatened."

The letter is signed by Roberta Davis and Eleanor Roberts. A notary public attests their statements.

Mrs. Smythe's Charges.

Mrs. Smythe's \$100,000 suit against Taylor began last week in the District Supreme Court. Attorneys for Taylor are seeking to have the suit set aside on the ground that the statute of limitations has passed.

Last week, the day before her suit opened, Mrs. Smythe caused the arrest of a prominent business man of Alexandria, whom she charged molested her. This man was fined in Police Court. Immediately after his conviction he got a warrant for Mrs. Smythe, charging her with unlawfully carrying a weapon. She was brought into court, fined \$3 and her revolver confiscated.

In her \$100,000 suit Mrs. Smythe charges Taylor kissed her four times and gave her a great "big bear hug." She alleges she was kissed in Senator Penrose's office while making a visit to see the Senator.

Mrs. Smythe has charged numerous times that she was being shadowed by Justice Department operatives. She also charged that efforts were being made to prevent her appearance in Washington to push her \$100,000 suit.

HUNT BERGDOLL ON PACIFIC COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Although Federal officials declined to discuss them, reports were current today that an extensive dragnet had been thrown out up and down the Pacific coast for Grover Cleveland Bergdall, rich Philadelphia draft evader, who fled the country to escape punishment.

Bergdall has been in Eberbach, Germany, where a close watch has been kept on him by military intelligence officers. The report current here is that they learned he had secretly left his German haven for the United States and expected to gain entry through a Pacific coast port.

It was admitted a close scrutiny is being kept on all incoming vessels, especially those whose origin is Europe and close to Germany. Bergdoll, according to these reports, has disguised himself as a German sailor.

XMAS QUIET DAY AT WHITE HOUSE

President and Mrs. Harding Astir Early to Open Many Presents.

By KENNETH W. CLARK. International News Service.

The President and Mrs. Harding, with all Washington, were up early today to open Christmas gifts.

Shortly after the last streaks of dawn had faded from the sky, the President hurried to his private study on the second floor of the White House to personally prepare and arrange the presents which Mrs. Harding, later helped to unpack.

There were hundreds of gifts from friends in all parts of the world, and the Hardings spent most of the morning personally untangling the packages and displaying their gifts to each other.

They planned to spend the day quietly at the Executive Mansion as Mrs. Harding's illness will not permit her to go out, although her condition was sufficiently improved for her to have dinner with the President in the private dining room on the first floor. This was the first time in more than three months that her physicians had permitted her to partake heartily of solid foods.

In striking contrast to previous years, when the White House has been the scene of elaborate Christmas festivities with numerous guests and a mammoth tree, was the observance today. There was no Christmas tree and no guests, though many friends of the Hardings called during the day to leave their cards and express the season's wishes.

Friends who saw Mrs. Harding today said she was in extremely happy spirits and that she looked much improved after her long illness.

HEIRESS FLEES TO ESCAPE WEDDING

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she never had vanished of her own free will.

Lee Quon has maintained his Oriental impassivity. He shrugs his shoulders, but unbent sufficiently to send a member of the association to Washington to learn what he could about Mildred's disappearance. Other members of the association took up the search here.

Searches For Girl.

Georgia Num Lee, the twenty-one or twenty-two-year-old bridegroom, was a student at Columbia University. Friends and relations of his own age rallied to his aid and began a systematic search of the city for the vanished girl.

Father and son were united in their determination that the wedding should not be called off until the hour for it had passed with the bride still missing. They were determined that should she appear the Chinese marriage ceremony should be performed even if they had to postpone the American ceremony until the marriage license bureau opened.

Friends of the family said the police had been asked to aid in the hunt for the girl. At police headquarters, however, it was said no such request had been received.

But there is no doubt that a search, and a vigorous one, is being made by Chinese emissaries of the Lees. A police officer, a veteran of Chinatown, voiced the most plausible theory, that Mildred was kidnapped because she objected to a marriage arranged according to the Chinese custom, without her wishes having been consulted.

POINCARE'S AUTOMOBILE IS STRUCK BY TAXICAB

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Premier Poincare's life was imperiled Saturday night when a taxicab crashed violently into his automobile.

Aside from a severe shaking up, however, the Premier escaped injury.

Save Your Dough With American Ice

"Left-over pieces of dough may be kept in the ice-chest, if closely covered, for several days. It is sometimes very convenient to have the dough on hand when one wishes to make a pie in a hurry. Mixing the paste for a pie can, therefore, be one of the 'day before' duties when one expects company."

—American Cookery.

And every woman knows that ice saves its cost hundreds of times over in keeping left-over roasts and vegetables fresh and sweet to reappear on the table in omelets and salads, creamed and au gratin dishes.

AMERICAN ICE COMPANY